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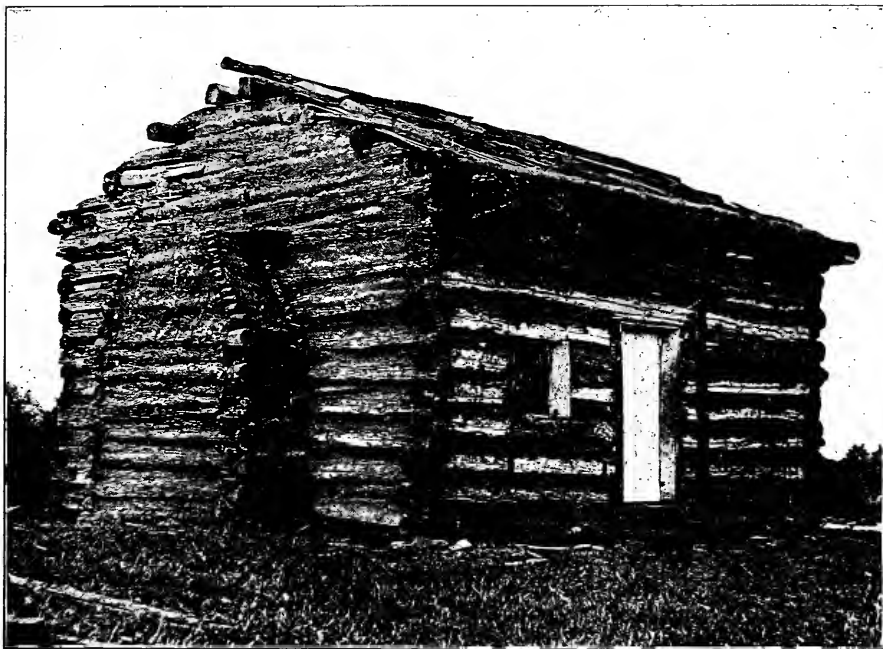
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# Introduction.

**T**HIS booklet is unique, in that its pages contain, in condensed form, sketches and photographic views, compiled by those in position to know the facts, to which they are willing to testify—citizens who live in the immediate neighborhood of the birthplace of one, who, by common consent, is the greatest character revealed by the horoscope of time since the dust of earth hid from view the mortal remains of the “Father of his Country”—the immortal and incomparable Abraham Lincoln. Enshrined in the hearts of those among whom he was born, and whose illustrious public services are the common heritage of the Nation he saved, his life from the cradle to the grave is a steady beacon light to the timid, faltering footsteps of those who are struggling, as did he, through poverty and discouragements for a name and place in the loving hearts of their fellows.

On the 12th day of February, 1809, the life of the great Lincoln had its beginning, and in the little log cabin shown on these pages he caught the first glimpse of God's sunlight. In this humble abode, two miles south of Hodgenville, Ky., the family resided until Lincoln was four years of age, when they moved to a farm on Knob creek, in the eastern portion of the county; there they lived until the father, Thomas Lincoln, purchased a farm in Indiana. Loved by millions of Americans, honored and respected by all who recognize true worth and genius, historians have made familiar to every school boy the life of Lincoln, but it is hoped that this booklet may be the means of giving to the public a broader conception of the greatness of the man by telling in picture of the obstacles in early life that he encountered on his entry upon the battle of life.



### **The Lincoln Home.**

A true picture of the old cabin in which Abraham Lincoln was born. This historic structure, rudely built, stood near the Spring until a few years ago when it was removed for exhibition at the Nashville exposition; later it was taken to Central Park, New York City, and is now being sacredly preserved until it is brought back to its old place on the farm, where, by reason of historic reminiscences, it should ever remain.



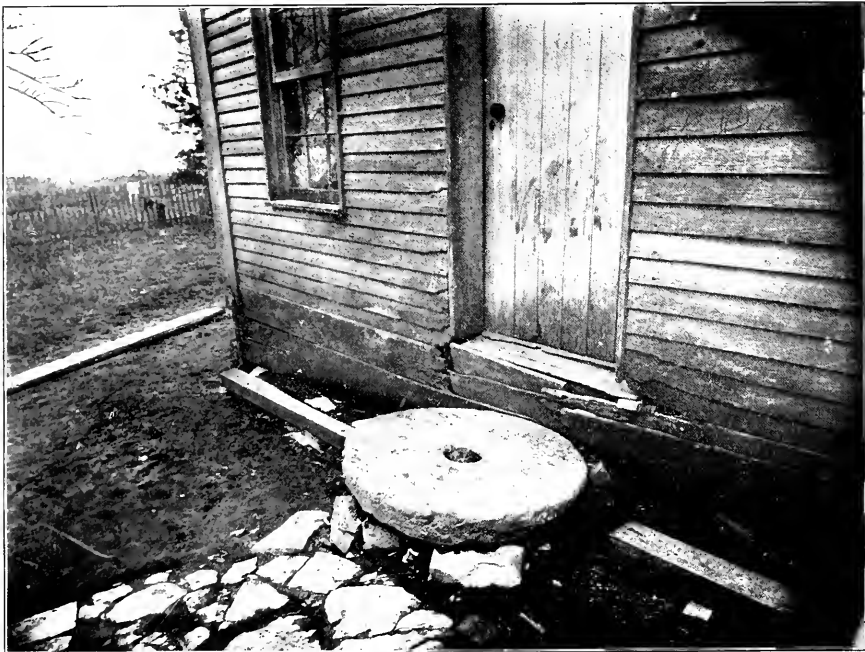
### Spring.

A view of the Spring, near which the cabin stood, and whose generous bounty furnished water for the family, and which is yet highly prized by the neighbors on account of its excellent qualities.



**Old Kirkpatrick Mill.**

Photograph of the old mill, dam, and stream running by it, to which the youthful Lincoln and his father carried their scanty "turns of grist."



**The Old Mill Stone.**

The old mill stone shown in the above picture was one upon which was ground the meal that partially furnished sustenance to the Lincoln family while they resided in LaRue county. After the old mill (shown elsewhere) had been supplied with modern machinery this mill stone found its way to the Lincoln farm and is now used as a door-step at the front entrance of the house now occupied by the present tenants.





**Roadway Leading to the Spring.**

View of the old roadway leading from the public highway to the spring, including a glimpse of the entrance to the farm.



**Entrance.**

A correct picture of the entrance to the Lincoln farm as it appears to-day.



**Scene of the Knob Creek Home.**

Birdseye view of the vine clad hills, in their picturesqueness, over which Lincoln and his boyhood playmates gamboled in their childish glee.



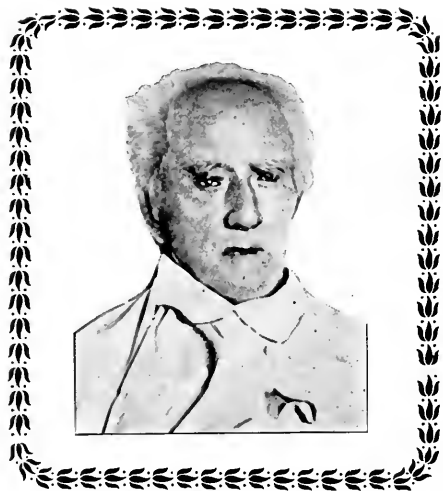
**Bardstown and Green River Turnpike.**

View of the pike, near the toll gate, running through the section where Lincoln acquired the rudiments of his education.



### **Knob Creek.**

Faithful photographic glimpse of the stream from which Lincoln was rescued from drowning through the heroic efforts of his schoolmate, Austin Gollaher. This incident so vividly impressed itself upon the mind of Lincoln that, when Dr. Jesse Rodman, of Hodgenville, called on the President in 1863 on business matters, Mr. Lincoln, as soon as he learned where his visitor lived, told of this incident and of others that his memory had held in treasure.



### Austin Gollaher.

Subjoined is a photograph of Austin Gollaher, taken as he lay on his bed only a few days before his death, which occurred on Knob creek, on the 22d day of February, 1898, and in the ninety-second year of his age.

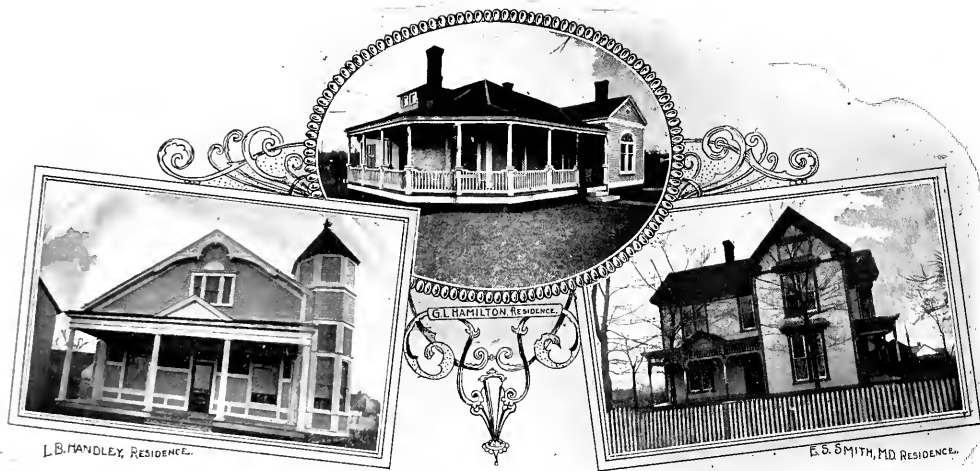
In addition to enjoying the distinction and honor of having been the playmate and schoolmate of the immortal Lincoln and being held by the latter in the highest esteem, he died revered and loved by all who knew him and his many excellent qualities of head and heart are affectionately remembered by the people of the county.

He had more than once been invited by the martyred President to visit him at Washington, but circumstances beyond his control precluded his acceptance of the honor.

We have no doubt that, had the life of Lincoln not been cut short by the assassin's bullet, that Mr. Gollaher would have found it possible to make the journey and thus fulfill a desire expressed whenever he referred to his love for Lincoln and their early close and cordial associations.



**Main Street, Hodgenville.**



A Group of Hodgenville Residences.





### **The Hodgenville Post-office.**

A faithful representation of the Hodgenville Post-office, supplied with modern improvements and occupying a building with plate-glass front, heated by furnace and lighted by electricity. The furniture is modern in every respect and all conveniences for the public are provided.



I, J. Gaither Milby, take pleasure in bearing testimony to the fact that I am personally acquainted with Mr. Thos. B. Kirkpatrick, and have been for a number of years. I know him to be a man of truth and integrity. I am also in position to certify to the correctness of the views and sketches contained in the pamphlet. I therefore heartily commend the spirit which prompted its publication, as well as to bespeak for it an enthusiastic reception at the hands of those who would perpetuate the fame of one of the very few whose private virtues and public services are their best eulogies.

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**Hodgenville Public School.**



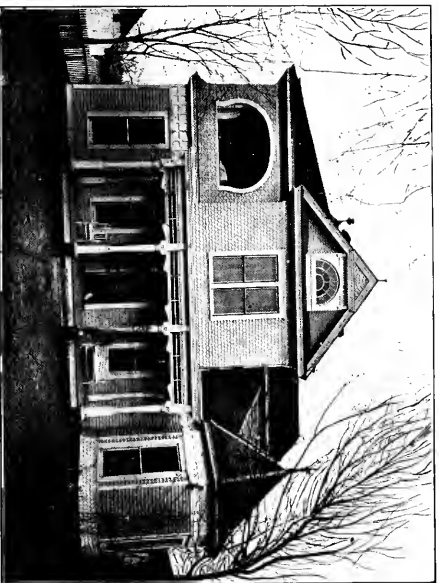
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THIS little pamphlet, while making no special pretensions to literary merit, yet claims to present, in form attractive and at nominal cost to the purchaser, a number of facts of historic interest worthy to be kept in remembrance.

It is unique for the reason that it is the first time these facts have been presented in this form and by those peculiarly circumstanced to vouch for their reliability.

The price has been put at the low sum of twenty-five cents per copy, postpaid, that it may come within the reach of all.

All orders for this pamphlet addressed to me will be highly appreciated and instantly honored.

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